

15 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Joint Computer Support

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SUBJECT : Meeting [] 11 September 1975,
Regarding RAPID Project

REFERENCE : Memo to D/OJCS from []
dated 9 September 1975, same subject

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1. I attended the follow-on meeting discussed in the reference. Attending, in addition to those cited in the reference were:

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2. Further discussion was held on the proper course of action to take regarding schedule slippage on RAPID and a lack of technical and administrative information concerning progress to date. Two goals were paramount: 1) the Agency must protect its position legally in the event the contract goes into termination; 2) we must have adequate technical information provided so as to decide on a future course of action relative to this contract. Everyone involved agrees that it is not in the best interest of [] to cancel the contract at this time. What is desired is delivery of a system, not "victory" in a cancellation proceeding, even though that is almost assured.

3. The attachment is a draft (pending General Counsel concurrence) of a letter [] The first part requires "cure" of certain deficiencies and supports our case legally; the second part is intended to elicit

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required information. We avoided putting in the cure list the most important aspects of the contract, namely adherence to certain deadlines of system test, cut-over and acceptance test requirements. We feel that these cannot possibly be met and since we wish to avoid cancellation if reasonable and possible, should be subject to negotiation. Once we have adequate technical information we can decide on a course of action, probably involving amending the contract.

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4. I concurred in the foregoing and recommend to you that OJCS support [] in the upcoming design review with two technical representatives.

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Project SAFE, OJCS

ATTACHMENT: a/s

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cc:

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USD/OJCS w/att
PD/SAFE w/att
ID COTR w/att

You are notified that the Government considers your failure to
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make progress in the following areas conditions that are endangering
performance of the subject contract in accordance with its terms:

STATINTL 1. Training: RFP 3.14 (p. 88) - [] 2.16.2 (p. 98).

STATINTL 2. Documentation: RFP 3.15 (p. 91) - [] 2.17 (p. 103).

STATINTL 3. Installation Schedule: RFP 4.5 (p. 120) - [] 7.0
(p. 178).

STATINTL 4. Switch-Over Procedures: RFP 4.4.5 (p. 118) - [] 6.5
(p. 174).

STATINTL 5. Testing: RFP 5.1 (p. 123) - [] 9.1 (p. 181).

STATINTL 6. Reporting Criteria: RFP 5.4 (p. 126) - [] 12.0
(p. 189).

STAT 7. Evidence that "a fail safe back-up system" exists, p. 4 of
Contract [] dated 27 June 1974.

Therefore, unless such conditions are cured within ten (10) days
after receipt hereof the Government may terminate subject contract
for default under Article 13 (a) (ii) of 1424 B (see attachment) and
ASPR 7-103.11.

Because of the gravity and consequences of a decision to termi-
nate for default, a thorough review of the entire contract is impera-
tive in order to track progress to date and to ensure that progress is
proceeding in a way which will satisfy the requirements of the Contract
(Site Visits, RFP 5.4.2 (p.127)). In order to elicit such information,
the "Minimum Requirements for Detailed Design and Status Review" has
been attached. This list of questions should not be interpreted as
exhaustive but merely as a set of benchmarks against which the entire
range of project tasks can be enumerated. The Government will be avail-
able to receive and discuss your written responses to the "Minimum
Requirements for Detailed Design and Status Review" at your facility.
In addition to receipt of your written responses at that time, oral
briefings on design review should also be given. If such a meeting is
desired, notify the Government within ten (10) days after receipt of
this notice. Such meeting must take place within fifteen (15) days
after receipt of this notice.

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